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September 1, 2006  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/075,640 Confirmation No. : 9841  
Applicants : Michael Nuttall and Garry Anthony Mercaldi  
Filed : February 13, 2002 Attorney Docket No. : 500803.02  
Art Unit : 2818 Customer No. : 27,076  
Examiner : David Vu  
Title : METHOD FOR ENHANCING VERTICAL GROWTH DURING THE SELECTIVE  
FORMATION OF SILICON, AND STRUCTURES FORMED USING SAME.

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Submission previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on July 17, 2006 (Copy Enclosed).
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

b. ☐ Submission enclosed

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

**2. Suspension of Action** (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.

**3. Accompanying Papers**

- ☒ Postcard
- ☒ Check
- ☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet
- ☐ Petition

**4. Deposit Account**

- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Sept. 1, 2006

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